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For: STABILIZED COMPOSITION COMPRISING A BENZIMIDAZOLE TYPE

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2003 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due April 24, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a three-month extension of time is \$930 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now July 24, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

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